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1-2. Introduction, Overview of Agenda

Secretary General Michael Taborsky opened the meeting and thanked the organizers for hosting the meeting. All delegates introduced themselves.

3. Approval of minutes from the 2003 ICE meeting (Florianopolis)

The minutes were approved.

4. Report of the Secretary General

Michael Taborsky stated that he had visited Budapest sites before the meeting and met with organizers; he continued the interactions with the organizers until the meeting started.

5. Report of the Treasurer (Financial status of ICE)

The Treasurer Bob Elwood reported that we have funds in two banks. In Oxford, UK we have one account holding £5,412.47 and another with £1,134.58, making a total of £6,547.05 (\$11,784). The Swiss account holds \$12,795 plus \$7,898 in UBS bonds, a total of \$20,693. Thus our total holdings amount to \$32,477 or Euro 26,620. There have been no transactions on these accounts other than bank fees being taken from some accounts and interest added to others. However, the value given in USD is down from that noted in 2003 (\$35,000) due to shifts in the exchange rate.

The treasurer has investigated the possibility to merge the accounts to one country but because of tax laws the situations at the moment with money in two countries is the best solution.

The treasure pointed out the benefit of having a buffer of money for unseen problems in the future.

The council pointed out that all conferences should be able to balance the costs for a meeting without counting on help from the society

Hungary is the first meeting that has incorporated the cost of 10 US dollar per delegate to the society in their budget for the meeting.

6. Election of the Secretary General-Elect

Vice Secretary Elect Judy Stamps was nominated for Secretary General-Elect. All voted in favour. Dr. Stamps will assume the post of Secretary General-Elect at the end of this meeting.

7. Election of Treasurer

Robert Elwood agreed to stay for another 4 years; everyone was in favour so Dr. Elwood will continue as treasurer.

8. Election of Corresponding Secretary

The responsibilities of the Corresponding Secretary are at the moment to provide information about upcoming meetings and to maintain the web site.

Jane Brockmann was elected as Corresponding Secretary and during her term the description for the position will be clarified.

9. Council Membership

There are a few countries that do not have any representatives listed. Corresponding Secretary and Recording Secretary will try to investigate who should be the representative(s) on Council.

10. Final Report from the 2003 Meeting in Florianopolis

The local committee for the Florianopolis meeting was present but didn't have the final report from the meeting in 2003 with them. This report will be sent to Michael Taborsky. It was reported a +/- balance.

11. Report from the 2005 meeting in Budapest (preliminary)

The number of delegates attending the meeting is 502.

The organizing committee reminded the Council that the "old host place" should be invited to the next meeting and that should be included in the budget for the next meeting.

The surplus for the Budapest meeting is calculated to be + 46 Euro.

12. Report and Discussion on the 2007 meeting plans in Halifax, Canada (incl. budget)

The meeting in 2007 will be in Halifax, Canada. Richard Brown produced a convincing presentation about the beauty and social possibility of letting Dalhousie University in Halifax, Nova Scotia host the meeting in 2007. The dates of the meeting are set as the 6-13 August. All planning is going well and the budget seems to hold so far. The committee plan to have the welcome reception and banquet included in the price. Flyers to advertise the meeting have been included in the bags for the current meeting in Budapest. The local committee in Halifax has contacted a professional conference organizer to assist with the details of the conference.

13. Presentation of bid for the 2009 IEC at Rennes, France (incl. preliminary budget)

Rennes, Brittany, France presented their bid for the meeting in 2009. The University at Rennes has a long tradition in animal behaviour research. The local committee will associate with the French Society for Animal Behaviour (SFECA) and the French network in Ethology (GDR) in order to propose a rich and varied scientific program. The University offers good numbers of places (up to 2000) in terms of lecture rooms, halls and amphitheatres (maximum 700 people). The University is close to the city centre and the meeting can use the University for free.

Benefits are easy air connection from Paris (1h) or with high speed train from Paris (1.5-2h) or boat from Southampton and then train or local bus. The entire price range for rooms can be found (14 Euro – 165 Euro) in town.

There were no suggested dates for the meeting.

The theme for the meeting suggested was integrative research in animal behaviour, in accordance with Tinbergen's classical questions or interdisciplinary researches with openings towards Human Sciences, Neurosciences or Robotics.

The registration fee will be around 300 Euro for full paying delegates and 150 Euro for students. The committee are looking into the possibility to include lunch in the registration fee.

Council voted unanimously for the meeting to be held in Rennes, Brittany, France in 2009.

14. Potential future meeting sites

There is no bid for the 2011 and 2013 meetings at the moment.

15. Other matters

The question about making the meeting shorter in time was discussed. A suggestion was to not have a one-day break in the middle. Concern was raised about the fact that the meeting

is losing attendants but it was not clear whether that was due to the dates or other causes such as the timing of the meeting.

Gunilla Rosenqvist, Recording Secretary